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Marion Man Sentenced on Charge of Aggravated Identity Theft

Columbia, South Carolina---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Kenneth Batton, age 38, of Marion, South Carolina, has been sentenced in federal court in Florence, South Carolina, for wire fraud and aggravated identity theft, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 and 1028A(a)(1). United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten of Florence sentenced Batton to 46 months imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, and ordered to pay \$11,959.00 in restitution.

Evidence presented at the change of plea hearing established that Batton used other people's identities to: open accounts with adult chat lines; open bank accounts; obtain credit cards; and to obtain money from other people's accounts. Batton also had merchandise charged on other people's credit cards mailed to his address.

The case was investigated by agents of the United States Secret Service. Assistant United States Attorney William E. Day, II of the Florence office handled the case.

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